Growth Rates of Production of Wheat In Major States

(Per Cent)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	8.3	-11.9	4.7
Rajasthan	20.5	-2.9	2.8
Bihar	-8.7	-11.5	12.2
Gujarat	137.7	-11.3	**37.0**
Maharashtra	-20.9	30.6	42.9
All India	9.7	-4.9	1.2

Package to farmers

† 1815. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demands for granting package to the farmers on the pattern of farmers of Vidarbha district in Maharashtra have been received from other State Governments of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such States alongwith the details of amount demanded for the package by each State; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Proposals for granting package to the farmers on the pattern of farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra have been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala. Details are given below:

Name of State	Total amount of assistance demanded (in Rs. crore)
Andhra Pradesh	51856.36
Karnataka	6903.80
Kerala	1748.64

(c) The Government is finalizing the package i in respect of these three States.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.